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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa., Superintendent's Office, March 25, 1889

Sir:

I have this morning received your favor of the 23rd inst. enclosing a bond of indemnity signed by A. Squires as principal and H.J. Wade and Elias McConaughy as sureties to protect the United States against any other claimant – if any such should turn up – for the deposit made June 11, 1855, in the event of its payment to him.

While I do not regard the bond as executed as being the highest style of security, because the estates of the sureties are small and in the event of the death of the sureties, might be settled up and distributed amongst the hears long before any proceedings could be instituted against them, to recover the amount of the bond – still under the opinion of the First Comptroller of the Treasurer, of which I advised you, the evidence of Mr. Squires identity is so strong that I cannot reasonably doubt that he is really the original depositor and therefore entitled to the money, and I have decided, after careful consideration to pay him accordingly. But he must apply at the Mint in person to sign the usual Mint vouchers when the money is paid to him and you will please so inform him. The money cannot be paid any other way.

Very respectfully, D.M. Fox Superintendent

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